

Article 5A.

Siting of Transmission Lines.

§ 62-100. Definitions.

As used in this Article:

- (1) The term "begin to construct" includes any clearing of land, excavation, or other action that would adversely affect the natural environment of the route of a transmission line; but that term does not include land surveys, boring to ascertain geological conditions, or similar preliminary work undertaken to determine the suitability of proposed routes for a transmission line that results in temporary changes to the land.
- (2) The word "county" means any one of the counties listed in G.S. 153A-10.
- (3) The word "land" means any real estate or any estate or interest in real estate, including water and riparian rights, regardless of the use to which it is devoted.
- (4) The word "lines" means distribution lines and transmission lines collectively.
- (5) The word "municipality" means any incorporated community, whether designated as a city, town, or village and any area over which it exercises any of the powers granted by Article 19 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.
- (6) The term "public utility" means any of the following:
 - a. A public utility, as defined in G.S. 62-3(23).
 - b. An electric membership corporation.
 - c. A joint municipal power agency.
 - d. A city or county that is engaged in producing, generating, transmitting, delivering, or furnishing electricity for private or public use.
- (7) The term "transmission line" means an electric line designed with a capacity of at least 161 kilovolts. (1991, c. 189, s. 1; 2013-232, s. 1.)